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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Hendrik L. BIJL et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
OF A GRANULAR MICROBIAL
BIOMASS AND ISOLATION OF A
COMPOUND THEREFROM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Examiner's Action (Restriction Requirement) dated 2 February 1998, for which a response is due on 2 March 1998, and for which a two month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from 2 March 1998 to 2 May 1998. A preliminary amendment is included herein..

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group II, claims 27-33, directed to compositions, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the non-elected claims. It is applicants' view that it would not be unduly burdensome to examine these composition claims with claims directed to methods of making them, (group I) or methods of using them (group III), or both. Therefore, the Examiner is requested to reconsider this restriction.